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How Shall We Vote On Water and Power Act

(By R. GILHAUSEN.)

It would appear unnecessary and a waste of time to set forth arguments in favor of something that promotes the common good, were it not for the subterfuge and cunning, misrepresentations of the interested parties who oppose, state and municipal ownership of anything that supplies the people's needs, has always been fought by private interests and will be to the end. There cannot be any advance made for the common good without a fight with those who seek to exploit their fellowman for private gain. They wish to seize all of nature's resources that God has given to man and use them to systematically rob and plunder the people through all time. They can only expect to win by playing on the ignorance and prejudice of the people through the public press.

There is one argument which will outweigh all that can be said against it: That the State will develop power at cost for use. Private companies will develop it at a profit and continue to run it at all the traffic will bear. In either case the people pay the bills though the State will have the advantage of at least three per cent lower rates on money used. As Gifford Pinchot has put it. "The issue is Water and Power at cost to the people, or Water and Power at a profit for the Corporations." Do not let them frighten you by using epithets. They have no arguments or they would not resort to epithets. Public ownership and is no untried experiment. San Francisco, Modesto, Long Beach, Glendale, Los Angeles, all proved it highly successful. Los Angeles is saving over nine millions a year by municipal ownership of its water and power distribution.

Every 100 per cent American is awake to the great need of the hour. Away with the selfish interests that would sacrifice the common good for the chance of hoarding unearned wealth wrung from the life of the toilers. Don't be afraid of the political machine bugaboo, if the water and power act is defeated it will be defeated by the political machine of the power companies. In Roosevelt's message retaining a private power grab from the public, domain in California he says "To give away this one of the greatest of our resources without compensation would be an act of folly." If we are guilty of it our children will be forced to pay an annual return from a capitalization based upon the highest prices which the traffic will bear. Let us remember that we are not only acting for ourselves but for posterity.

"VAMPS" WHO MADE HISTORY

By JAMES C. YOUNG.

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WHEN we thumb the book of history and turn back to a page written 2,300 years ago, that seems a very long time to us. But human nature then was much the same as it is now. Women ruled in the Fourth century, B. C., no less than they do today.

Just as the great poet Homer was claimed by several cities, there also was intense rivalry concerning the birthplace of Lais. She would seem to have been born in Hiccarra, Sicily. At the age of seven she fell under the eye of the Athenian general, Nicals, who directed her education. Lais became a woman of much greater accomplishment than most of her sex in that far-off time.

Lais lived for a time in Corinth, then went to Athens, where she soon became one of the most celebrated figures. Diogenes, the cynic, and Aristippus followed docilely in her train. Their devotion led Lais to this gentle bit of sarcasm: "I do not understand what is meant by the austerity of these philosophers," she said, "for they are as much in my power as the rest of the Athenians."

The rule of Lais in Athens continued for a long time. Her influence was sufficient to make men's fortunes almost at will. She dallied with the most noted men of the state. Her house was a meeting place for all that was brilliant in Athens. But even so splendid a vampire was destined to know misery. She fell in love with a youth named Hippolochus. Unlike the philosophers, he tired of Lais and left her. She could not be consoled, despite the attentions of Athens' greatest men. Her heart yearned for the careless youth who had loved and went away. What a burden that must have been to her pride! At last she could stand her unhappiness no longer and followed Hippolochus to Thessaly. Lais' reputation had preceded her. Perhaps she used her wiles in Thessaly as she had in Athens. This so enraged the women that they stormed her home and led the unfortunate vampire to the temple of Aphrodite, where they stoned her to death in 340 B. C. The reader wonders, after all these years, if Hippolochus grieved at her tragic end.

Odd Fellows To Calabasas Over The 4th

A Third Degree Encampment was held at Calabasas Canyon, Monday evening and over the Fourth, at which over 3000 Odd Fellows were present. Among the Triple City members who attended and enjoyed the barbecue were Walter Tappin, Jr., Ernest Brumpton, James Beckham, and Ed. Tappin, of Lomita, and Ed. Curran of Torrance.

Bootleggers Fear Crooks Who Prey On Their Wares

SAN FRANCISCO, July 6.—"Highjackers" are more feared by bootleggers than prohibition agents.

"Highjackers" is the underworld name for crooks who prey upon crooks, in this case, upon those dealing in illicit booze.

For example, the "highjackers" will learn that a certain bootlegger is planning to bring in a truckload of booze on a certain night.

The "highjacker" gets a truck, and holds him up on the highway, takes his cargo away from him, knowing, of course, that the bootlegger can not appeal to the police. Thus he feels fairly safe.

Pastors at Parley Flay Prohibition

CHICAGO, July 6.—Prominent Lutheran ministers here attending the annual session of the Illinois district of the Missouri synod Lutherans have condemned the present prohibition laws. One of the delegates declared that prohibition as embodied in the eighteenth amendment is not only a failure but breeds disrespect for the law, works an injustice on the people and makes drunkards out of persons who ordinarily would be abstainers or only moderate drinkers.



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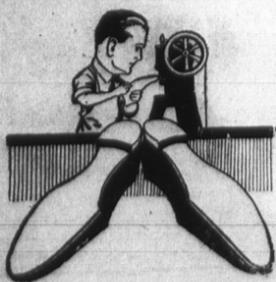
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